

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5397–S5457*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1027–1035, and S. Res. 148. **Page S5435**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 384, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security, to stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–19)

S. Con. Res. 19, expressing the sense of Congress that the Shi'ite Personal Status Law in Afghanistan violates the fundamental human rights of women and should be repealed, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. **Page S5435**

#### Measures Passed:

*Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 80, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha. **Pages S5455–56**

*Cerebral Cavernous Malformations Research, Awareness, and Education:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 148, expressing the sense of the Senate that there is a critical need to increase research, awareness, and education about cerebral cavernous malformations. **Pages S5456–57**

#### Measures Considered:

**Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 627, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5409–29**

Adopted:

Isakson Amendment No. 1104 (to Amendment No. 1084), to require the Comptroller General to

conduct a study on the relationship between fluency in the English language and financial literacy. **Pages S5416–21**

Gillibrand Amendment No. 1084 (to Amendment No. 1058), to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require reporting agencies to provide free credit reports in the native language of certain non-English speaking consumers. **Page S5409**

Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 65 yeas (Vote No. 190), Vitter Amendment No. 1066 (to Amendment No. 1058), to specify acceptable forms of identification for the opening of credit card accounts. **Pages S5409, S5421–23**

Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5409**

Landrieu Amendment No. 1079 (to Amendment No. 1058), to end abuse, promote disclosure, and provide protections to small businesses that rely on credit cards. **Pages S5425–26**

Collins/Lieberman Amendment No. 1107 (to Amendment No. 1058), to address criminal and fraudulent monetary transfers using stored value cards and other electronic devices. **Pages S5426–29**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 33 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 191), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302 (f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Sanders Modified Amendment No. 1062 (to Amendment No. 1058), to establish a national consumer credit usury rate. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the provisions of the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5409, S5423**

By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 192), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 1085 (to Amendment No. 1058), to enhance public knowledge regarding the national debt by requiring the publication of the facts about the national debt on IRS instructions,

Federal websites, and in new legislation. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the provisions of the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 1058 and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 15, 2009.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 14, 2009, and that all first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 1 p.m., on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

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**Hayes Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 189), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—192)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5457.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### MANUFACTURING AND THE CREDIT CRISIS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine manufacturing and the credit crisis, after receiving testimony from Holly Hart, Steelworkers Union, and David Marchick, The Carlyle Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Eugene R. Haffely, Jr., Assembly and Test Worldwide, Inc., Dayton, Ohio, on behalf of the Association for Manufacturing Technology; Lieutenant General Lawrence P. Farrell, Jr., USAF (Ret.), National Defense Industrial Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and William E. Gaskin, Precision Metalforming Association, Independence, Ohio, on behalf of the National Tooling and Machining Association.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the